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Dear President Seymour,

Thanks so much for your very warm note and kind invitation to spend the evening with you a week from today. My wife and I accept with great pleasure and look forward very much to being with you and on the Wabash campus.

See you soon.

Yours sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER

Dr. Thaddeus Seymour
President
Wabash College
Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933

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CRAWFORDSVILLE
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Wabash College is a small, independent, undergraduate liberal arts college for me. Founded in 1832 by Presbyterian ministers and laymen, the College has from its beginning been independent of both church and state. Wabash, therefore, remains not only one of the few men's colleges, but one of the few colleges and universities in the country that neither seeks or accepts federal funds.

Independence is an article of faith here. Our policy affirms a belief that a community must be self-sufficient, that individual initiative remains the mainspring of a free society.

Independence touches every aspect of life at the College. Students take particular pride in the independent environment in which they study and live. The College has but one rule of conduct. It is simply stated in the College Catalog, "The student is expected to conduct himself at all times, both on and off the campus, as a gentleman and a responsible citizen."

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Wabash stands high among colleges of recognized excellence, a position derived from rigorous academic standards, dedicated teaching, and a coherent curriculum.

We believe in the Liberal Arts. The goal of a liberal education, in the Wabash view, is not simply knowhow, or even knowledge. It is, rather, the liberally educated man, a man who from his study of science, literature, history, and other forms of human inquiry, has come to the realization that the problem of man is man, that the question is not simply "how?" but "why?" In the final analysis, Wabash holds, liberal education has as its single aim the humane man.

Today, a liberal arts education is particularly practical as it prepares men to be adaptable and to respond to the demands of an unknown and uncertain future.

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The contributions of Wabash to its region and to the nation have, over the years, been impressive. Our first professor, Caleb Mills, was responsible for developing the system of public education in Indiana. Professor John Lyle Campbell first suggested the Centennial Exhibition of 1876 in Philadelphia and served as its permanent secretary. Wabash alumnus Thomas Riley Marshall was Governor of Indiana and Vice President of the United States.

The Journal of Chemical Education reported, in the fall of 1973, that "Wabash ranks tenth in the nation in supplying chemistry faculty to the 34 'top prestigious universities'." In another study, published in American Scientist at the end of 1972, Wabash ranked eighth in "average productivity of institutions with respect to science graduates awarded National Science Foundation Fellowships in 1969, 1970, and 1971." The other seven in this group included Harvard, Yale, M.I.T., and California Institute of Technology.

Wabash has contributed, out of all proportion to its size, to the leadership of Indiana, the Midwest, and the nation. It has always counted among its alumni prominent statesmen, judges, attorneys, physicians, educators, ministers, journalists, and industrialists. One Wabash man is the retired Director of Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian). Another is executive vice president of one of the largest charitable foundations in the world. Wabash graduates have been or are presidents and chancellors of great universities including the University of Maryland, University of Bridgeport, and Dominican College. Many are leaders in industry and commerce. Approximately 350 Wabash alumni are practicing attorneys, and another 450 are physicians and surgeons. These 800 professional men alone represent more than ten percent of all living alumni, one of whom is the Surgeon General of the United States Navy.

The current president of Wabash is the eleventh in a line of distinguished leaders. Among his immediate predecessors were the late Dr. Frank H. Sparks, founding father of the Council for Financial Aid to Education and the concept of corporate giving to higher education, and Dr. Byron K. Trippet, who has continued his service to education both as president of the Independent College Funds of America and as president of the University of the Americas in Mexico.

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Wabash has a reputation for sound financial management. This is particularly apparent in the notable growth of the endowment from \$12,800,000 (market value) in 1962 to \$40,000,000 today. This \$47,000 of endowment for each student places Wabash among the top 5-10 colleges or universities in the country in this important resource category.

The physical plant includes 32 buildings on 50 acres. The plant represents an investment outlay of \$20,200,000 with a current replacement value, for insurance purposes, of \$33,000,000.

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Athletics are an integral part of our educational program. At Wabash a locker is provided for every student, and 85 percent of the students participate in either one of the 10 varsity sports or the wide range of intramural athletics. This year, as in most, 10 percent of the 850 man student body is out for varsity football.

The competition has changed from the early 1900's when Wabash played Purdue, Notre Dame, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota and won our share. The fighting spirit of those days when our teams earned the nickname "Little Giants" remains a characteristic of Wabash teams today. .

This indomitable spirit is contrasted with that of arch rival DePauw. In the words of John Underwood, Sports Illustrated, September 10, 1973, describing the series which now stands 39-37-7 in DePauw's favor, 1270-1d.6
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"Wabash has been playing DePauw in the privacy of western Indiana since 1890, which makes it (orchestra up) 'The Oldest Continuous Football Rivalry West of the Alleghenies.'....

DePauw on the other hand [Underwood continues as he describes the typical Wabash opinion of DePauw], is a rest home for sissies. DePauw men are called 'Dannies' and are a hankie-waving bunch. Nevertheless, they are not particularly keen-witted. A Dannie carries an umbrella when the sun is out and puts it down when it starts to rain. How does a Dannie get in shape for the big game? The coach dumps him off the bus at Wabash, and he runs like hell for home."

November 1, 1977

ON NOV. 11

CIA Director Will Speak At Wabash

Special to The News
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. — Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of the CIA, will speak on CIA operations at Wabash College Nov. 11.

Turner's lecture will begin at 8:30 p.m. in Ball Theater of the Humanities Center. The speech is free and the public is invited.

Turner was appointed to the CIA post in March. Before then, he was commander in chief of the Allied Forces Southern Europe in Naples, Italy, a position he assumed in 1975.

A Rhodes Scholar from the Naval Academy, Turner has served a variety of sea assignments, including commander of a minesweeper, a destroyer and a guided missile frigate. His shore assignments included politico-military division in the office of the chief of naval operations and assistant and naval aide to the secretary of the Navy.

Turner was promoted to rear admiral in 1970 and assumed command of a carrier task group of the Sixth Fleet while aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence. After that, he directed

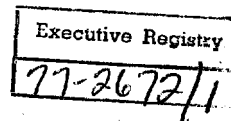
the systems analysis division of the office of the chief of naval operations.

In 1972, Turner became the 36th president of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., receiving the rank of vice admiral.

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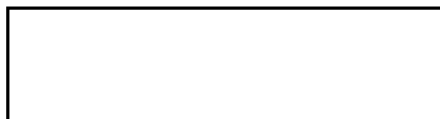


NOTE FOR: Admiral Turner

Couldn't resist putting a note on this letter. When you stay at the Elston Homestead, you will be overlooking my boyhood backyard. That square old limestone house is where I grew up. Abbie Sparks is a close family friend. Her husband Dr. Sparks was President of Wabash during my one year there (1942), and my grandfather, who was on the Board of Wabash at the time, was instrumental in attracting him to Wabash from the private sector.

My brother Dan Evans is presently on the Board and Treasurer. He is looking forward to meeting you, and I am sure he will do his utmost to see that your visit there is worthwhile. I asked him to send along some "facts" about Wabash (attached). Have sent them to

STAT [redacted] as possible input for your remarks.



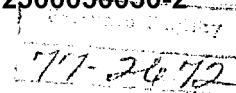
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WABASH COLLEGE
CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA 47933



THE PRESIDENT

October 25, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Admiral Turner:

STAT All of us at Wabash are looking forward to your visit in two weeks, and we are anxious to make it a pleasant and memorable occasion for you. I know that Mr. Donald Thompson, Librarian of the College, has been in touch with [redacted] about details, and I assume that these will be further refined as the date approaches.

I was delighted to learn that you will be spending Friday night at Crawfordsville, and I am writing to invite you to be our guest at the Elston Homestead, where we look forward to providing you with a comfortable guest room and with breakfast the next morning. You greatly honor Wabash by visiting the campus, and I am particularly pleased because of our mutual friendship with Abbie Sparks.

STAT Mr. Thompson and [redacted] will be working out the final details of your afternoon schedule, but I did want to write today to extend a warm and personal invitation to you.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Seymour
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Wabash College is a small, independent, liberal arts college for men. ✓

Although founded in 1832 by Presbyterian ministers, the College has no affiliations with any church. It is also one of the few colleges that neither seeks nor accepts money from any governmental agency. ✓

In 1973, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to preserve Wabash as a college for men. This was not a vote against coeducation, but rather a vote affirming the importance of men's education as an alternative in our society.

The College launched a \$32 million campaign for "Continued Independence and Excellence" in 1974. The goal was reached in December of last year and the money has been used to endow faculty salaries and scholarships, and to renovate campus facilities.

Wabash has long been noted for academic standards among the highest in the midwest. Graduates are prominent statesmen, judges, attorneys, physicians, educators, ministers, journalists and industrialists. Approximately 350 alumni are practicing attorneys and 450 are physicians or surgeons. In 1972, the national average for admission to medical schools was 38 percent. Wabash's average was 65 percent. Approximately half of the graduating seniors each year go on to further their education in post-graduate schools. ✓

Important figures in the history of Indiana as well as the country have been Wabash men.

Caleb Mills, the first professor at Wabash, was responsible for developing public education in Indiana. Thomas Marshall, a Wabash alumnus, was vice president of the United States. John L. Campbell is recognized as being the first person to suggest the International Exhibition of 1876 in Philadelphia to celebrate the centennial. He was later its permanent secretary.

On Nov. 12, Wabash and DePauw University will once again renew the "Oldest Continuous Football Rivalry West of the Alleghenies." The prize for the victor is the 350-pound Monon Bell, donated to the two institutions by the Monon railroad. ✓

The Bell is currently at Wabash after the Little Giants beat the Dannies 14-7 last year. Wabash plans to keep the Bell in 1977. So far into the season, DePauw, a rest home for sissies, is 1 and 4, while Wabash is 4 and 1.

The rivalry carries over to other sports as well. Last year, Wabash beat DePauw in every contest but one. This year, the Little Giants have been victorious in soccer and cross country. The football game is the hottest rivalry of all and the first nine games of the season do not count when the teams meet on the field.

As with any game, training is the most important aspect. In the Sept. 10, 1973, edition of Sports Illustrated, an article describes how the DePauw coach drives 30 miles from Greencastle to Crawfordsville, drops the team off on the Wabash campus and they "run like hell for home." ✓

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In 1973 Wabash College ranked tenth in the nation in supplying chemistry faculty to the 34 top "prestigious universities".

In American Scientist for Nov. & Dec. 1972, in a table entitled "Average Annual Productivity of Institutions with Respect to Science Graduates Awarded NSF Fellowships in 1969, 1970, and 1971", Wabash College ranked tenth in the nation in the number of awards per 100 science graduates per year.

In a study published in the Chronicle of Higher Education for March 30, 1970, college classes of 1968 and 1969 were ranked in academic institutions throughout the country with regard to winning Woodrow Wilson awards. Wabash College was 18th.

In Science for August 9, 1974, There is a study of the origin of doctoral degrees of students from 295 institutions. Wabash College placed 32nd during the period 1920-1939 and 30th during 1950-1961.

Wabash College was host in 1973 to the NCAA College Division track and field meet.

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Wabash College was host to the Olympic Decathlon in 1955 and 1956.

Wabash College has the largest endowment per student among academic institutions in Indiana.

Frank Sparks is credited with originating the idea of organized efforts by two or more colleges collectively to obtain financial assistance exclusively from business and industry for higher education for uses other than capital improvements.

former college president → In 1970 the Council on Library Resources made eight initial grants to college libraries in the United States for the purpose of more closely integrating library materials with the instructional program of the college. The library at Wabash College was one of the first eight to receive a five-year matching grant of \$50,000.

In 1961 the Ford Foundation initiated a series of matching grants to private liberal arts colleges. Wabash College was included in the first group of eight colleges and received a grant of \$2,000,000.

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<p>Attached is from my brother for Admiral Turner's background reading re Wabash. Incidentally, I passed the word this morning via my brother to the President of Wabash that Admiral Turner appreciated the thought of meeting with a few faculty members shortly after his arrival but prefers to proceed directly to President Seymour's house to rest up there prior to the 1730 reception.</p>			
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